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JOTA Report from Bayside Scouts Radio Group (EI4BST)

The 132nd Bayside Unit took part in the recent Jamboree on the Air setting up two HF stations (SSB and PSK) and two 2m stations (FM and Packet). Additional antennas for the weekend were erected by the Unit's Venturer Scouts. JOTA stations were worked in most European countries together with Turkey, USA,Canada and Columbia. Other DXCC entities worked included Brazil, Venezulea,Singapore and Senegal.

This was the International Space Sation's first JOTA. Expedition 3 Crew Commander Frank Culbertson, KD5OPQ, was heard calling CQ and QSOing with stations in France, Belgium and the UK on half the passes over the weekend. While the 132nd had no success in contacting the ISS by voice, APRS formatted packets were successfully transmitted via the ISS digipeater on the remaining passes, confirmation of which was received from Jan PE2JMR. Operators assisting the Scouts over the weekend were Keelan EI 1139, Paul EI3FKB, Joe EI4FV,Sean EI3IP from the 132nd Bayside and Mark EI4FNB from the 116th Bonneybrook Together with a number of visitors from North Dublin Radio Club.

Radio Amateur in TV appearance

BBC Northern Ireland is showing a new series of Country Times on Thursday evenings at 10.35 p.m. Frank Jackson, Secretary of Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club, will feature in the Country Times programme on Thursday the 15th of November. Frank lives in the Fermanagh countryside and is a keen CW and QRP operator. All this and more will come out on TV in a programme that explores what folk who live in the country do to pass the time.

BEACONet Project

Jean-Philippe, F5SMZ has a permanent active station in a group of radio amateurs studying propagation on many different bands from HF to UHF using digital modes, from AX25 to PSK31. If you are interested in participating in the project called BEACONet you need only understand the project concept and what equipment you

need is explained at go.to/beaconet BEACONet are looking for partners all around the world to join their network, especially on 10m, by using AX25 1200 baud USB on 28.128 or mainly PSK31 USB on 28.131. The project began in the USA, but now as the concept has been successful,the project scope have been widened to the world.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

This year?s Annual General Meeting for Tipperary Amateur Radio Group members will be held on 7th November in Clonmel. The meeting starts at 8pm sharp and all Group members are requested to attend as this is a very important meeting in the groups calendar year. In other TRG news the group is happy to announce that it will be providing emergency communications for the annual Tipperary Hill walkers event in the Glen of Aherlow / Galtee Mountains on the 20th of October. Group members will be using local UHF & VHF simplex frequencies during the event. A number of portable operators will be taking part in the walk and a base station will be established with direct links to emergency services.

South Dublin Radio Club

SDR members set up a JOTA station in the scout hall in Wicklow Town for the recent Jamboree On The Air weekend. The scout hall is located just beside the river Vartry, close to where the river joins the sea. The SDR members put up two HF antennas, including a Windom with one leg spanning the river, along with a number of VHF antennas.

The event proved very popular with the Wicklow scouts, and a large number attended the event on both the Saturday and Sunday. Many other JOTA stations were worked, with excellent signal reports received from most contacts - confirmation that the Windom over the river was highly effective. Although the scouts seemed reluctant to take the microphone at first, within a few hours there was a queue of scouts anxious to take their turn sending greetings to fellow scouts in other JOTA stations.

The demonstration of amateur radio was made even more interesting for the scouts when an Amateur Television Station was set up in a car park above Wicklow town, beaming pictures to the scout hall. This was a real hit with the scouts. You can see some pictures of this and other recent SDR events on the club's web site at www.qsl.net/ei2sdr/

EI Ham Buy And Sell It Forum

EI8IC is proud to announce that after a rather long absence due to server problems, the EI Ham Buy And Sell It Forum is back on line with a new set of software, a new layout and plenty of space for all your Radio Amateur adverts. The 'EI Ham Buy And Sell It Forum', for those who have not heard of it before, is a free service that allows you to place 'For Sale, Wanted,or Exchange' adverts for your Amateur Radio, Electronics and Computer equipment on the web at a site that gets many visitors every day and is fast becoming of major interest as a resource centre for the world wide Contesting Community.

If you wish, you can also subscribe to the optional information service. By leaving your email address, and responding to the security check, you will be informed whenever a new advert is placed on the Forum. The site has a strict Privacy Policy. Your email addresses will never be passed on by EI8IC to a third-party, and you can un-subscribe from the information service at any time.

Apart from placing your adverts, you can visit the rest of the EI Contesting website. It has recently had a major re-write, and with the addition of about 50 new pages, there is much of interest to the new or experienced HF Contester. The site can be found at www.qsl.net/ei8ic/

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